GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Rationalization of Freight Charges
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to rationalise the freight charges for transport of various goods including coal from the eastern sector to distantly located power plants of Gujarat and other areas in western sector;

(b) if so, the details of the plan and the time by which it will be implemented so that the freight for transportation of coal which is about 60 to 65% of the fuel cost per unit could be reduced in Gujarat State;

(c) whether there is any move to remove "busy season surcharge" which is levied by Railways throughout the year except in three months of monsoon;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is any plan to introduce telescopic freight on the line of passenger fare charges and if so, the salient features of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) Recently, the Coal tariff was rationalized for transport of coal from Eastern sector to distantly located power plants.
(c) No, Madam.
(d) Busy Season Surcharge is levied during busy season i.e. from October to June to optimize utilization of our scarce resources.
(e) The freight rates are already telescopic.
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